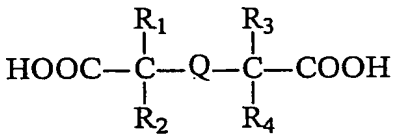
Abstract

The invention relates to carboxylic acids and derivatives thereof and pharmaceutical compound containing them. The active compounds are represented by the formula compound represented by formula I, wherin R_1–R_4 each independently represents an unsubstituted or substituted hydrocarbyl or heterocyclyl radical, Q represents a diradical consisting of a linear chain of 11 to 18 carbon atoms, one or more of which may be replaced by heteroatoms, said chain being optionally substituted by inert substituents and one or more of said carbon or heteroatom chain members optionally forming part of a ring structure, and where one or both of the carboxyl groups can be substituted by an *in vitro* hydrolyzable physiologically acceptable substituent; with the proviso that: compounds wherein R_1–R_4 each represents CH_3 and Q represents a linear chain of 14 carbons, are excluded; and compounds wherein Q represents a linear chain of carbon atoms one of which is replaced by oxygen or sulfur, are excluded.



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